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REMARKS

The courtesy of a telephonic Examiner interview with Examiner Wallerson on March 16, 2005 is gratefully acknowledged. At the interview, Applicant endeavoured to distinguish the cited references by emphasizing that the subject invention comprises a print system for combining distinct and unrelated types of information as opposed to references which comprised form printing systems wherein the combined information is related to the print form, i.e., fill in the blank in the form. Claim 1 was pointed to as emphasizing this distinction by characterizing the unknown information as "unrelated to a content of the print job".

The Examiner questioned the antecedent support for the phrase "unrelated to a content of the print job", and Applicant pointed to portions of the text on pages 6 and 11 to better explain that the content of the print job (the cover page) is comprised of two types of information, the first type comprising an indicia of the print job and the user, and the second type comprising information which is non-vital to the print job and is information that is merely serendipitous in nature to the user. Applicant concedes that the specification fails to use the exact term "unrelated", but given the context of the cited portions of the specification believes that "unrelated" as used in claim 1 is amply supported in the specification.

The amendments to claim 14 are intended to similarly distinguish the type of contents in the print job but utilize the exact terminology from the specification.

It is important that the Examiner understand that it is Applicant's intention that the term "unrelated" is intended to be construed in a manner that the unknown information has no relationship to the user and job indicia information in that the indicia information is complete unto itself, and its mere inclusion on the cover page would satisfy the work objectives in the printing of the document. On the other hand, the references require combining data, i.e., the blank form position for the data and the inclusion of the data itself in the form position before the form can be completed. In other words, the references teach combining selective content necessary to complete the print job. The subject invention teaches combining information that is not necessary to the job completion, but is beneficial to the user.

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In view of the foregoing comments, Applicant believes this case is in condition for allowance and early notice thereof is requested.

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